Clifford Notes.

Mr. James Tinker, of East Clifford, had one of his oxen stolen on the night of Oct. 29th. Mr. Tinker found the track and followed it a mile, and then lost the trail in the much traveled road. There are thieves traveling through the country, and it is hopeful they will be secured before long.

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married Polly M. Dunn

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Is this the James Tinker who was the 3rd son of William & May (Anderson) Tinker? I think so. In his father's biographical sketch on pages 1921–1922, James Tinker is described as "a wealthy, prominent and Charitable farmer, residing on the old homestead..."